Speed of DTC Buses

*155. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been some complaints about the high speed of the Delhi Transport Corporation buses;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure that D. T. C. buses comply with speed limits prescribed by the traffic authorities for various roads;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the bus drivers are under pressure to drive fast because of tight schedules set for them by the depot officials; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up a special DTC cell to check the speed and take action against defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) With a view to have a check on the speed of the buses mechanical speed governors— an inbuilt part of the fule injection pump is provided in all vehicles, which controls the speed to a predetermined limit. Besides, speed limit brackets are also being fitted in the buses which also prevent driving at speeds more than 40 kms. per hour in city routes.

(c) No, Sir. Regular route surveys are conducted and adequate running time is provided and time schedules are adjusted wherever found necessary.

(d) The DTC has already deployed 16 mobile squads for this purpose and the erring drivers are replaced on the spot as a first step.

Opening of Central and Model Schools

*156. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Central Schools and Model Schools proposed to be opened during the next financial year and how many of them are proposed to be opened in the backward areas;

(b) whether Government propose to open such schools in the tribal areas of Orissa; and

(c) if so, by when such schools are likely to be opened in Mayurbhanj, Phulbani and Kalahandi districts of Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The Kendriya Vidyalayas are primarily intended to provide educational facilities to children of transferable Central Government employees.

The number and location of Kendriya Vidyalayas to be opened is decided by the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan at the time of commencement of the academic session each year depending on the sanctioned budget and acceptable proposals available.

A model school, now to be called Navodaya Vidyalaya, is proposed to be opened in each district of the country during the Seventh plan period. The States/Union Territories have been requested to identify suitable land and buildings for start the schools. The number of schools

to be opened in 1986-87 will depend upon the offers received from the States.

Contaminated Limca

*157. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the press report which appeared in the *Hindustan Times* of 7th July, 1985 under the caption "Look Before You Drink" to the effect that a tuft of coily structure not fully identifiable from outside was found in the bottle of Limca in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the authorities in the matter; and

(c) what action under the Food Adulteration Act, has been taken against the bottlers of Limca?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) The complainant showed a bottle of LIMCA whose seal was not intact to the officials of Department of Prevention of Food Adulteration, Delhi Administration. It contained tuft of some coily structure. The contents could not be analysed as the complainant refused to hand-over the bottle to the Department of P. F. A.

Modernisation of Coaches

*158. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Miister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to provide modern coaches for railways;

(b) if so, what are the details

(c) whether there is a proposal to increase the number of coaches within two to three years; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) It is proposed to import 60 modern coaches, on technology transfer terms, for which a global tender has already been floated.

(c) Yes. Sir.

(d) It is proposed to augment production of coaches at Integral Coach Factory to 1000 per year. Besides, the Rail Coach Fectory being set up at Kapurthala has been planned to go into initial streams of production in 1988. The Factory will have an ultimate manufacturing capacity of 1000 coaches per year.

World Conferences on Hindi and Punjabi

*159. SHRI SHAMIM AHMED SIDDIQI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have sanctioned funds for holding the World Conferences on Hindi and Junjabi; and

(b) if so, what is the quantum of funds sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) A grant of Rs 16.30 lakhs was sanctioned to the Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, Wardha in 1983 for organising third World Hindi Conference.